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Literary Intelligence.

MILITARY LITERATURE.—American papers are remarking on the absence of all literary effort in the Crimea, and are therein noting—very much to their own glory—a characteristic difference between the surroundings of an American and of an English army. The contrast is fair. The self-laudation is not unjust. Our readers know that when the Yankees marched into Mexico they carried with them a printing press, and published a newspaper along the line of invasion. Across prairies, through dangerous passes, over mountain ranges, sometimes on mules, oftener on men's shoulders, occasionally in wagons—travelled press, paper, type and ink—editors, contributors, and pressmen—fighting, foraging, writing, working onward. Infinite were the uses of the press. It carried orders through the camp. Every morning the soldier read in it the story of the previous day. It anticipated the gazettes. It disseminated orders of the day; it perpetuated the gossip of the camp; reflected public opinion in the army; made known every want; supplied every information; exercised, inspired, and animated every heart. Had the Americans been in the Crimea, they would have had daily papers at Balaklava, Eupatoria, Yenikale, and Constantinople; and these papers reflecting the humors, incidents and life of the camp—would have ranked among the best historical documents on the war. As it is, our soldiers in the Crimea are indebted to the London journals for authentic information of what occurs in the camp itself, and within a mile or two of their own tents. Jonathan is far ahead of us in some respects.—*Athenæum.*

A DANISH TRANSLATION OF BANCROFT'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES.—To Mr. Bancroft, and through him to American literature, the compliment has recently been paid of a Danish translation of his History of the United States, three volumes of which have already appeared in Copenhagen, the first in 1853, and the second and third in 1854. A good deal of interest in the history of our country and her institutions is felt in Denmark, which the appearance of this translation cannot fail to augment. The Danish work bears the title, "De forenede Staters Historie, fra Opdagelsen af det Americanske Fastland, af George Bancroft. Oversat af Chr. Wulff." We understand that Mr. Wulff is a man of great accomplishments and perfect knowledge of the English language; he has the highest admiration for the progress of freedom in America, and his labor in his excellent translation has been one of enthusiasm and love.

HOLLYHOCK PAPER.—The Perth *Courier* says Mr. J. N. Nevin, gardener, has succedeed in fabricating paper and rope from the common garden hollyhock, and has patented his invention, under the title of "Nevin's Patent Hollyhock Paper and Rope." The paper is of the appearance and texture of that used for small bags and parcels by grocers, etc., and is very clean and firm. The rope is about half an inch thick, light and shining in color, and apparently of considerable strength.

THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The new building of which the corner stone was laid, with appropriate ceremonies, a few days since, will be 82 feet in front, 128 feet deep, two stories in height, beside the basement. It will be built of brick, with free-stone facings. The architecture will be of the Roman school of Italian architecture, plainly fashioned, and without elaborate ornament. The first story will be 21 feet high; the second 52 feet high, containing the library room, 40 by 85 feet, with ample alcoves for books. The first story will contain the reading and conversation room, and it is here that the books will be distributed. The upper rooms will contain accommodation for 200,000 volumes, and the shelves to be erected in the lower room will give space for 40,000 more. The building will be entirely fire-proof, and is being erected under the direction of that able architect, Mr. C. K. Kirby, of this city. The masonry will be laid under the charge of Mr. Nathan Drake, chief mason.

M. Rolle, author of two esteemed works, "Histoire des Religions de la Grèce," and "Recherches sur le culte de Bacchus," has just died at a very advanced age. He was a noted antiquary, and was for some years librarian of the city of Paris.

M. de Quatrefages, member of the Academy of Sciences of Paris, has been nominated Professor of Anthropology in the Museum of Natural History in that city, in the room of M. Serres.

THE LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.—It is hoped that it will not be forgotten that the New York Book Publishers' Association have fitted up this room for the especial benefit of the Trade. The room is conveniently located in Messrs. Appleton & Co.'s Building, No. 348 Broadway, and is comfortably and appropriately furnished. In the bookcases will be found the publications of most of the principal publishers in the country, and the frequenters of the library will meet with courteous attention from the librarian and his assistants. The tables are amply supplied with newspapers and periodicals from all parts of the country In short nothing has been neglected to make the library and reading-room as complete in all their details as possible. The booksellers can here learn the publisher, price, etc., of any book published either in this country or in Europe. We trust that all publishers will send to the library their new books as soon as issued, so that they can be ready for examination by the numerous visitors of the library, simultaneously with their publication. The Association extends an invitation to all members of the Trade to make free use of the library and reading-room. Let them make it the general head-quarters of booksellers in New-York. Booksellers visiting the city are requested to call at the library-room and register their names in a book provided for the purpose.

At a sale of autograph letters in London, recently, a characteristic note from Benjamin Franklin brought one pound nineteen shillings. It ran:—"Mr. Strahan: You are a Member of Parliament, and one of that majority which has doomed my country to destruction. You have begun to burn our towns and murder our people. Look upon your hands! They are stained with the blood of your relations! You and I were long friends; you are now my enemy and I am

Yours, B. FRANKLIN.

The chair of the practice of medicine in the University of Edinburg is at present vacant, in consequence of the resignation of Dr. Alison, who has long occupied a place in the very highest ranks of the medical profession in England. Dr. Alison has been connected with the University of Edinburg for thirty-seven years. He is a brother of Sheriff Sir Archibald Alison, the celebrated historian of the last European war.

The New York Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, Oct. 2d, Hon. Luther Bradish in the chair. A document said to have been written by George Washington was presented to the society by Rev. Mr. Tweed. A painting of New York a year after its capture from the Dutch, was also exhibited in the society room. This painting had been presented to the society by Mr. John McGregor, M. M., from the City of Glasgow. through Mr. James

Buchanan, U. S. Minister to England. An interesting paper on the "Life and Character of Garakonthie, Sachem of Onondaga," was read by J. Gilman Shea, and was much applauded.

The Secretary having read the Report, a discussion ensued relative to the new fire-proof building, which the Society has decided on erecting; it was determined that the corner stone should be laid on the 13th inst. The President then read a resolution of thanks to Messrs. Buchanan, Chadwick and Broadhead, who had interested themselves in procuring the painting of old New York City for the Society. The meeting then adjourned.

One of the curiosities of Paris is the enormous vine which ornaments the court of a house in the Rue des Marais, St. Germaine. It is said to have been planted by Racine, and supposing that he did it in the last year of his life, the vine must be now about 156 years of age, as that celebrated writer died in 1699. It is this year in a flourishing condition, and covered with fruit.

Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte, the celebrated ornithologist, who is at present in London, on his way to the meeting of the British Association in Glasgow, has just been elected President of the "Congrés Scientifique de France," a similar institution to our own association.

The twenty-second meeting of the Scientific Congress of France is to take place on the 18th of this month at Le Puy. The museum of the town is peculiarly rich in palæontology.

William Ogden Niles, of Washington City, proposes to reprint Niles's Register, fifty volumes complete, commencing with the work in September, 1811, and closing with the life of its founder and editor, Hezekiah Niles, in September, 1836. The character of the Register is so widely and well known, that we need not expatiate upon it. It was in its day the best American weekly, and is still an invaluable record for the historian, statesman and politician. The entire fifty volumes will be afforded (bound) to subscribers for $79 50, or less than half the original cost. Subscriptions by mail are solicited.

The Imperial Society of Naturalists of Moscow is to hold its fiftieth annual meeting in the course of the present month. It has written to the Academy of Sciences of Paris to express a hope to be favored with communications from the members of that learned body.

The Senate of Hamburg has ordered that a large gold medal shall be struck in honor of Dr. Barth, the African traveller, and shall be presented to him with public solemnity on his return to Germany. The Academy of Berlin, and other learned societies, have elected M. Barth one of their members.

THE LATE FESTIVAL.

From Mrs. A. H. L. Phelps.

Patapsco Institute, Ellicott's Mills, Oct. 9th, 1855.

Dear Sir,—The card of invitation from the Executive Committee of the Publishers' Association was duly received.

The awful scenes through which, in God's providence, I was called to pass in the late "Burlington railroad slaughter," with my affliction for the loss of a beloved daughter, have caused me to withdraw myself for a time, as far as possible, from all associations with the world; hence, your invitation was not sooner acknowledged.

My sister, Mrs. Emma Willard, at the time of your "Festival," was in Maryland ministering to me in my bodily infirmities, caused by the disaster, and comforting me in my bereavement. Under other circumstances, we should both have been gratified to have been among your guests.

It is a beautiful thought, this harmony of Authors and Publishers, too often morbidly sensitive, and inclined to jealousy of each other. Authors require indulgence—they should be treated as we do a fine-toned musical instrument; if we would bring forth its best tones, we must take good care of it.

An Author and Publisher are alike dependent on each other; their interests are identical. They are the parents of the book which is sent out into the world, and the success of the offspring is of equal moment to both.

In visiting last year the great London "World's Literary and Educational Exhibition," I was sorry to find our American lady authors had failed to do justice to themselves and their country, by neglecting to forward their books,—the works of Mrs. Willard and myself being the only contributions from American ladies. The committee had honored our books with a conspicuous place in their central apartment: thus honoring our country through us.

To the aid of my dear daughter, Jane Porter Lincoln, I have been indebted for great assistance in my literary efforts; at the age of eleven years, she assisted me in copying for the press my first published work, "Lectures on Botany," sometimes sitting with me almost the whole night, patiently pursuing her labors. Her unpublished notes of travel in this country, and in Europe, with an extensive correspondence, and, above all, a pure, elevated, and pious example, are left behind for the benefit of others.

Excuse, dear sir, this allusion to my private griefs, and to the character of her whom I have lost; but you, I think, knew her personally, and may remember her among the lovely groups of young girls who once adorned my mountain home in Vermont, where sisters and step-sisters lived and loved as one united family.

I am very truly yours,

Almira Lincoln Phelps.

G. P. Putnam, Esq., Secretary.

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